

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: T. Cunningham

In re Application of:)
)
Mathias GEHRMANN et al.)
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Serial No.: 08/989,896)
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Filed: December 12, 1997)
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For: FUSION PROTEINS FOR)
PRODRUG ACTIVATION)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

Enclosed is a reply to the written Restriction Requirement of June 23, 1999. The items checked below are appropriate:

- [X] Applicants hereby petition for three months extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$870.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	33	-	26	7	x \$ 18	\$126.00
Indep.	1	-	3	0	x \$ 78	
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$260	
Subtotal						\$126.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL						\$126.00

- [X] A fee of \$126.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

- [X] A check for \$996.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Date: October 20, 1999

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Written Restriction Requirement mailed June 23, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following remarks. The period for response has been extended to October 23, 1999 by the accompanying Petition for a three month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 29, line 4, after "TC", insert --(SEQ ID NO:3)--;
line 9, after "C", insert --(SEQ ID NO:4)--;
line 15, after "AGC", insert --(SEQ ID NO:5)--;
line 20, after "TC", insert --(SEQ ID NO:6)--.

Page 33, line 4, after "3", insert --(SEQ ID NO:7)--;